comfortable, considering the requirements for essential imports, short-term liabilities including debt service payments, and other unforeseen contingencies. The Government and the Reserve Bank of India monitor closely the developments in the balance of payments and take such measures, as are considered necessary, from time to time to increase exports, invisible receipts, including remittances and to enhance inflows of capital, particularly foreign direct investments, so as to help maintain adequate level of foreign exchange reserves.

Loan disbursed by IDBI, ICICI, IDFC etc.

†3137. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Development Bank of India, ICICI Limited, Infrastructure Development Finance Company, Exim Bank, Industrial Investment Bank of India, etc., have disbursed loans during the last three years *i.e.* from 1998-99 to March, 2001;

(b) if so, the amount of laons separately disbursed by each of the aforesaid Institutes during the said period; and

(c) the names out of the above institutes whose loan-amount has been converted into the non-performing assets alongwith the details of such amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) The details of loan disbursed and Net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), ICICI Ltd., Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (IDFC), Exim Bank, Industrial

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Investment Bank of India Ltd. (IIBI Ltd.) for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Institution	Disbursement			Net NPAs		
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
IDBI	14470	17059	17498	6490	7675	8371
IFCI LTD.	4829	3272	2121	4258	4103	3937
ICICI LTD.	19225	25836	31965	3733	3959	2982
EXIM BANK	1271	1730	1896	407	374	407
IIBI LTD.	1688	1440	1710	480	641	662

As it is too early to exactly assess the conversion of loans disbursed during the last three years by above institutions into NPAs, the details of Net NPAs of the institutions as a whole has been furnished.

Amendments in Small Savings Rules

3138. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of reduction in interest rates, there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the rules relating to P.O. Monthly Income Scheme, N.S.C. and P.P.F. Scheme, 1968; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present rate and the proposed rule in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The revised interest rates were notified on March 1, 2001, and the gazette notifications were tabled in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on April 20, 2001 and April 24, 2001 respectively.

NPAs on agricultural lending

3139. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Bank's NPAs has touched Rs. 72,000 crores;

(b) if so, whether it is inclusive of interest, as reported in Hindu dated the 29th July, 2001;

(c) the total amount due as NPA on agriculture lending;

(d) whether Government propose to take action against the Bank